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Title: Methods for the Treatment and Diagnosis

of Prostate Cancer Based on P75NTR Tumor Suppression

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RESPONSE TO "NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID DISCLOSURES"

Mail Stop Sequence Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the "Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures" dated March 18, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

I. AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please delete paragraph [0042] and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0042] For genomic investigations, the following primers were created: for exon 1 forward primer 5'-AAAGCTTACCGAGCTGGAAG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1) (reverse primer 5'-ACCGCTGTGTGTACAGGC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2) yielding a 169 bp piece, for exon 4 forward primer 5'-AGCTTCTCAACGGCTCTGC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 3) reverse primer 5'-ACAGACTCTCCACGAGGTCG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 4) yielding a 207 bp piece, and for exon 6 forward primer

5'-CCTTCTCCCCACACTGCTAGG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 5) reverse primer